Workshop Agenda

6:00 PM Welcome

6:05 PM Updates

6:15 PM Presentations

6:55 PM Break-out Sessions

7:30 PM Report on Discussions

7:55 PM Conclusions/Next Steps



Discussion Topics

January: Mission and Goals

February: Existing Conditions/Recent Trends

March: Off-Street Parking

April: On Street Parking/Loading

May: Bicycle/Traffic Calming

TONIGHT: TRAFFIC CALMING

July: Public Transportation

August: Public Transportation

September: Highway Connections

October: Highway Connections



Discussion Group Meetings

- Traffic Calming (Completed)
 - May 30, 2000
 - June 7, 2000
- Transit (Upcoming)
 - June 29 at 12:00 Noon (NEW DATE)
 - July 11 at 5:30 P.M.





Discussion Group Update

May 30, 2000

- Process Options
- Federal Perspective
- Cambridge Program
- Funding

June 7, 2000

- City's Definition of Traffic Calming
- Process Options
- Cambridge Program
- Funding



Traffic Calming Presentation

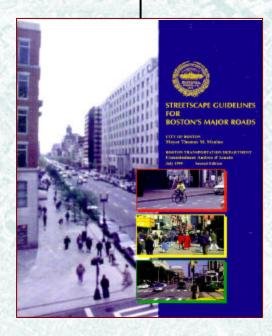
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BTD's Definition of Traffic Calming:

TRAFFIC SAFETY AND QUALITY OF LIFE



Guidelines for Neighborhood Residential Streets



BTD Approach to Traffic Calming on Neighborhood Residential Streets:

- Demonstrate need and community support.
- Don't shift problems to other neighborhood streets.
- Address emergency access and operational considerations.
- Implement with public and private funding.





BTD Has Implemented Measures to Calm Traffic on City Streets

- Street direction changes
- Reduction of street pavement
- Neckdowns
- Signage and enforcement

































Test Combinations of Existing and Additional Innovative Measures

- Select number of projects with representation throughout the city.
- Implementation procedures and evaluation criteria.
- Interagency coordination.
- Funding mechanisms.



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BTD Roles and Responsibilities:

- Needs Assessment
- Development and Evaluation of Alternatives
- Evaluation of New Techniques
- Interagency Coordination
- Transportation Access Plan Agreements





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Neckdown: Cambridge, Mass







Realigned Intersection: Seattle, WA







Chicane: Alachua, FL







Split Median: Portland, OR







Choker: Montgomery County, MD







Speed Hump: Portland, OR







Raised Intersection: Cambridge, MA





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Implement a Procedure to Respond to Neighborhood Requests

- Letter to BTD indicating type of issue and community support
- Neighborhood meetings
- BTD Evaluation and Potential Development of Options
- Implementation with community support





Establish a City of Boston Interagency Traffic Calming Group

- Coordination of City departments with responsibilities in:
 - Construction and operation
 - Emergency response/public safety
 - Budget
 - Maintenance
- Review of traffic calming designs before final approval & implementation



Consider Key Issues as Part of Traffic Calming Implementation

- Demonstrated safety problems related to traffic speeds and/or volumes
- Schools, elderly centers, and parks
- Emergency access routes, hospitals and fire stations
- Impacts to adjacent neighborhood streets





Use Flexible Approach to Address Limited Financial Resources

- Retrofit limited number of neighborhood streets annually.
- Include, where practicable, in planned street reconstruction.
- Incorporate in development project mitigation through Transportation Access Plan Agreements.





Conclusion:

- Break-out Sessions
 - Process
 - Funding
- Report on Discussion



